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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: PRIMIN STATEMENTS TO MEDIA

1. MEDIA PROMINENTLY REPORT CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN REACHING CYPRUS CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IN GENEVA.

2. PRIMIN ECEVIT, EXPLAINING TURKISH VIEWS TO FRENCH RADIO-TELEVISION TEAM, REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WERE THREE REASONS FOR TURKEY'S INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS: "FIRST WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AS A GUARANTOR STATE. THE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT CYPRUS STATE HAD BEEN TRESPASSED UPON BY THE MILITARY REGIME OF GREECE IN CONTRAVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH TURKEY WAS ALSO A PARTY.

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...SECOND, WHAT HAD HAPPENED ON THE ISLAND IN PRACTICE WAS

ENOSIS, THAT IS, THE ANNEXATION OF CYPRUS TO GREECE, AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO AGREE ON THIS. THIRD, WE KNEW THE TRAIN OF THOUGHT OF MR. SAMPSON WHO WAS BROUGHT TO POWER ILLEGITIMATELY. HE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO DIRECTED THE MASSACRE MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN THE RECENT PAST. WE KNEW THAT AS SOON AS HIS ADMINISTRATION TOOK ROOT THE TURKS WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO HEAVY PRESSURE, WOULD FACE THE CONSTANT DANGER OF MASSACRE AND THAT IT WOULD THEN BE TOO LATE TO INTERVENE."

3. ASKED ABOUT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, PRIMIN SAID "WHETHER MAKARIOS RETURNS TO THE ISLAND OR NOT IS A MATTER WHICH CONCERNS THE GREEK OF THE ISLAND."

4. ECEVIT WOULD NOT REVEAL NUMBER OF TURKISH TROOPS ON ISLAND, HOWEVER, HE SAID "IT IS CERTAIN THAT WITHIN A FEW DAYS WE COULD NOT SEND AS MANY TROOPS TO THE ISLAND AS GREECE HAS DONE OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS."

5. TO QUESTION WHETHER HE WAS SATISFIED WITH STANCES OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO DURING CRISIS. ECEVIT REPLIED: "WE CANNOT EXPECT ALL COUNTRIES AND ALL OUR FRIENDS TO VIEW EVENTS TOTALLY FROM OUR ANGLE. I SHOULD LIKE TO STATE, HOWEVER, THAT BY AND LARGE BOTH NATO AND THE EC LOOKED AT THE MATTER FROM A RATHER IMPARTIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ANGLE. WE WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR STANCE."

6. ASKED IF TURKISH ARMED FORCES WOULD IN FUTURE COOPERATE WITH GREEK FORCES WITHIN NATO, ECEVIT SAID: "IT WILL BE RATHER A CONTRADICTION FOR US TO HOLD JOINT MANUEVERS WITH OUR GREEK ALLY WITHIN NATO AFTER RECENT EVENTS. BUT WE SHOULD FIND A REMEDY TO IT. THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD EITHER HAVE NO COOPERATION WITHIN NATO OR FULL COOPERATION. WE CANNOT COOPERATE UNLESS WE TRUST ONE ANOTHER. I EXPECT WITH THE NEW REGIME IN GREECE WE WILL BE ABLE TO BURY THIS BAD EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST AND CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS, NOT JUST IN NATO."

7. REPLYING TO QUESTION WHETHER HE SUSPECTED THAT "CERTAIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS" HAD PLAYED A ROLE IN TOPPLING ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, ECEVIT SAID: "I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SUSPECT THE GOOD WILL OF ANY COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES."

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8. ASKED IF TURKISH AIMS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT GENEVA TALKS, ECEVIT ANSWERED: "THE RESULTS ARE VERY SATISFACTORY FOR US. THERE IS ONLY ONE POINT CONCERNING THE SECURITY REGION. THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FUTURE TALKS." HE ALSO SAID THAT TURKEY HAD EVERY REASON TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT OUTCOME OF SECOND ROUND OF TALKS. ECEVIT SAID DR. KISSINGER HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL IN OBTAINING THESE GENEVA TALK RESULTS.

9. ASKED IF TURKISH TROOPS WOULD EVACUATE THE ISLAND, ECEVIT ANSWERED: "WE DO NOT ENVISAGE IT. WE HOPE THAT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN WE WILL THINK ABOUT THIS TOO."
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